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IT IS WITH GREAT
PRIDE AND RESPECT
THAT I, KING MAXI-
MILLIAN ACORN BE-
STOW KNIGHTHOOD
UPON THIS YOUTH FOR
HIS REPEATED ACTS OF
BRAVERY...

...ON BEHALF
OF THE ENTIRE
KINGDOM...

...I DUB
HIM...

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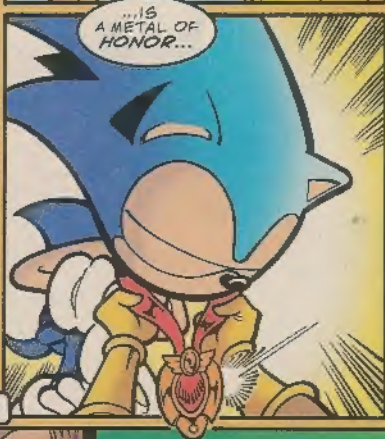
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ELIAS... PRINCESS
SALLY... THE ROYAL
COFFER, PLEASE..."

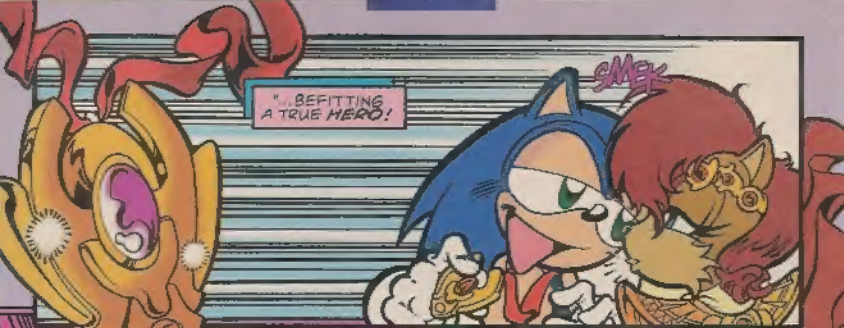


"I HAVE IT,
FATHER.
AND INSIDE..."



"...IS
A METAL OF
HONOR..."





"...BEFITTING
A TRUE HERO!"



NOW LISTEN
CLOSELY, ALL--
I HAVE A VERY IM-
PORTANT ANNOUNCE-
MENT TO MAKE!

FROM THIS DAY FORTH
THE HIDDEN VALLEY, WHICH
WE CALL **HOME**, SHALL BE
KNOWN AS THE **KINGDOM
OF KNOTHOLE**...

...AND IT SHALL
SERVE AS A SAFE
HAVEN FOR ALL
OF THOSE WHO
WISH TO LIVE
FREE OF DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK'S
TYRANNY!



IN ADDITION TO THIS, I AM
ALSO RETURNING THE **KNOTHOLE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS** TO ACTIVE
SERVICE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!



HIP! HIP! HOORAY!

HIP! HIP! HOORAY!

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S
HEADQUARTERS
IN ROBOTROPOLIS...

Ahh...

I'VE FINALLY
RECOVERED FROM
THAT AWFUL VIRUS
THAT HAD INFECTED
MY SYSTEMS...

...BUT I HAD
TO DUMP ALL
OF MY OLD
CORRUPTED
FILES AND START
FROM SCRATCH
: POOF :-!

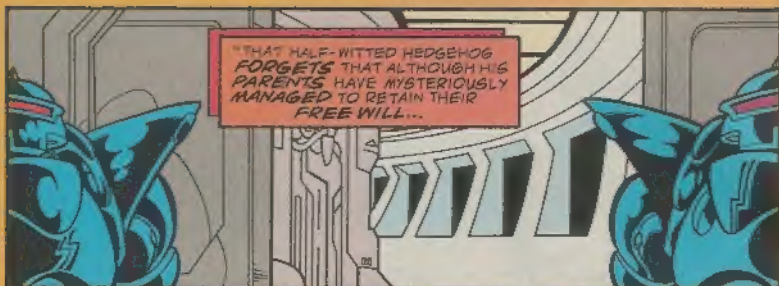
I LACK SUFFICIENT
EVIDENCE, BUT STRONGLY
SUSPECT THAT SONIC HAD
SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE
SABOTAGE!



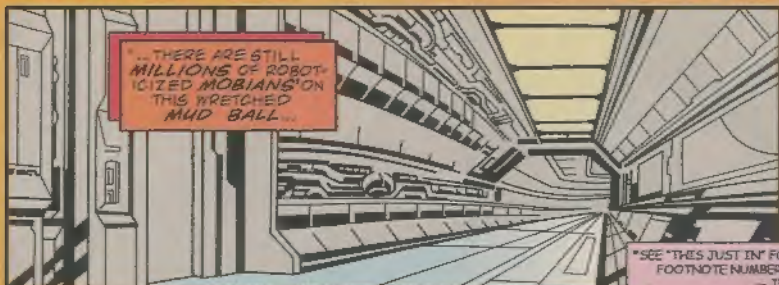
AND FOR
THAT...

...HE SHALL
PAY MOST
DEARLY!

WHUMP



"THAT HALF-WITTED HEDGEHOG
FORGETS THAT ALTHOUGH HIS
PARENTS HAVE MYSTERIOUSLY
MANAGED TO RETAIN THEIR
FREE WILL...



"...THERE ARE STILL
MILLIONS OF ROBOT-
ICIZED MOBIANS' ON
THIS WRETCHED
MUD BALL...

"SEE 'THIS JUST IN' FOR
FOOTNOTE NUMBERS.
— JFG



"...WHO HAVE NO
CHOICE OTHER
THAN TO OBEY MY
EVERY COMMAND!



"MILLIONS..."



"...INCLUDING
HIS BELOVED
UNCLE..."



"...SIR
CHARLES!"



SONIC'S HOME IN
KNOTHOLE
KINGDOM...

"SIGH"

SONIC? WHAT IS IT,
SON?

WHAT'S THE
MATTER?

IT'S JUST...
IT'S JUST SO HARD
HAVING TO PACK UP
UNCLE CHUCK'S BE-
LONGINGS AND STUFF
SO NATE COULD
MOVE IN.

WE KNOW
THAT LOSING
YOUR UNCLE TO
ROBOTNIK WAS
REALLY TOUGH
ON YOU, SON.

I MEAN, SURE I LIKE
NATE... BUT MOM... DAD... THIS
JUST DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT.

YOU NEARLY LOST
US AS WELL.

NO ONE SHOULD
HAVE EVER HAD TO
GO THROUGH WHAT
YOU DID...

BUT YOUR
UNCLE CHUCK
WILL BE BACK SOME
DAY-- WE HAVE TO
KEEP ON BELIEVING
THAT.

AND UNTIL THAT
DAY ARRIVES, WE'LL
GET THROUGH THIS
DIFFICULT TIME
TOGETHER...

AS A
FAMILY!

FATHER HAS
DOCTOR QUACK LEARNED
THE REASON WHY
MOTHER HAS LONG-SINCE
RECOVERED FROM HER
INJURIES.

YET STILL
REMAINS ASLEEP
WITHIN THIS
CRYOGENICS
TUBE?

HE'S BEEN TRYING
TO SOLVE THAT RIDDLE
FOR MONTHS EL AS BUT
HASN'T YET FOUND AN
ANSWER.

WE SHOULD
JUST BE
HAPPY
THAT
QUEEN
ALICIA
S
ALIVE.

ALTHOUGH
SHE MAY NEVER
OPEN HER EYES
AGAIN

DON'T SAY THAT
DAD. WE HAVE TO BE
STRONG AND KEEP
HOPING SHE'LL GET
BETTER!

SALLY'S
RIGHT!

HI
NATE.

WHY DON'T
WE TELL YOU
ON THE WAY TO
SON C'S?

RIGHT
ABOUT
WHAT?

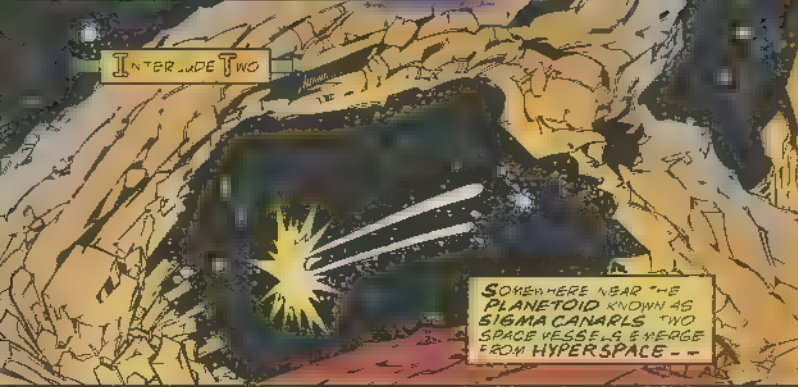
WELL, FIRST
I HAVE TO DROP OFF WHAT'S
LEFT OF THE SUPER EMERALD
AND THEN

WERE THE ROYAL FAMILY TO
REMAIN INSTEAD OF LEAVING THE
MED-LAB WITH THE AGED
OVERLANDER INVENTOR

THEY WOULD NOTICE A SLIGHT
MOTION THAT WOULD CAUSE
THEIR HEARTS TO BEAT EVEN
LOUDER UPON THE DRUM THAT
S HOPE

THEY DO NOT.. BUT
STILL THE BEAT
CONTINUES

INTERLUDE TWO



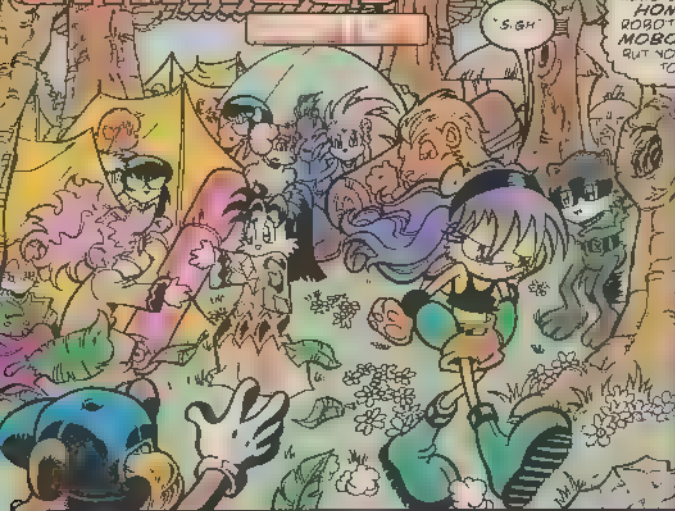
SOMEWHERE NEAR THE
PLANETOID KNOWN AS
SIGMA CANARLS TWO
SPACE VESSELS EMERGE
FROM HYPERSPACE --



GUNGLI ROCKET NO
PAST TERRABIX 9 AND
HER TINY MOON EO --

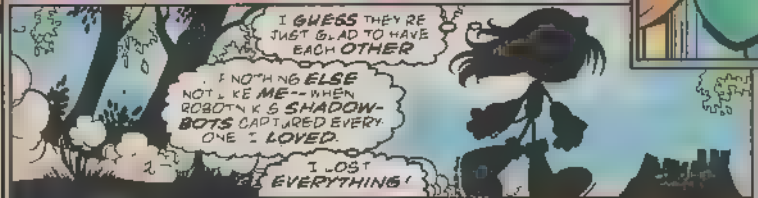
BEFORE CONTINUING
TOWARD THEIR FINAL
DESTINATION

CHANGES



'S.G.H'

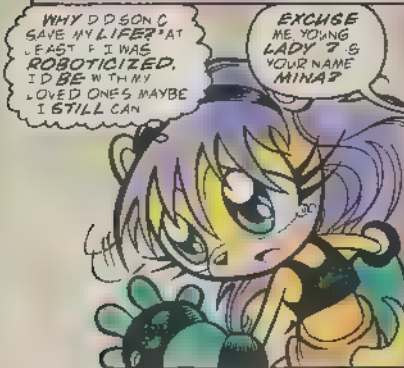
A LOT OF FOLKS
WERE LEFT W/ THOUT
HOMES AFTER
ROBOTN K INVADED
ROBOTROPOLIS
BUT NO ONE SEEMS
TO MIND



I GUESS THEY'RE
JUST GLAD TO HAVE
EACH OTHER

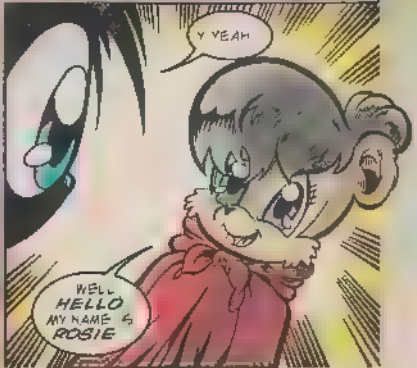
NOTHING ELSE
NOT LIKE ME-- WHEN
ROBOTN K & SHADOW-
BOTS CAPTURED EVERY
ONE I LOVED.

I LOST
EVERYTHING!



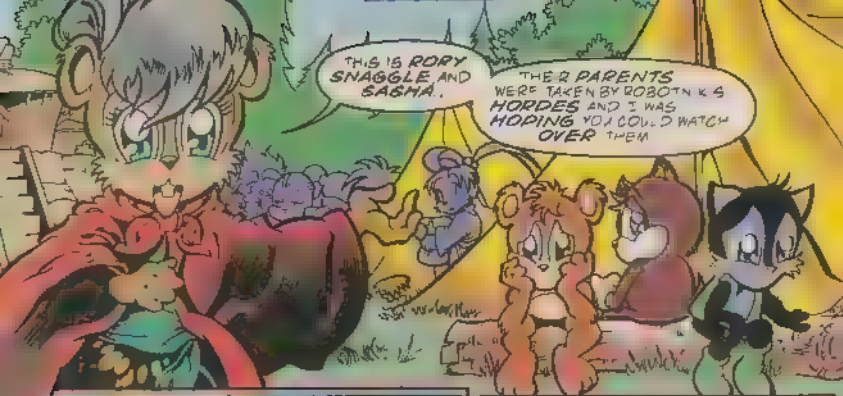
WHY DID SONIC
SAVE MY LIFE? AT
LEAST IF I WAS
ROBOTICIZED,
I'D BE WITH MY
LOVED ONES MAYBE
I STILL CAN

EXCUSE
ME YOUNG
LADY ? &
YOUR NAME
MINA?



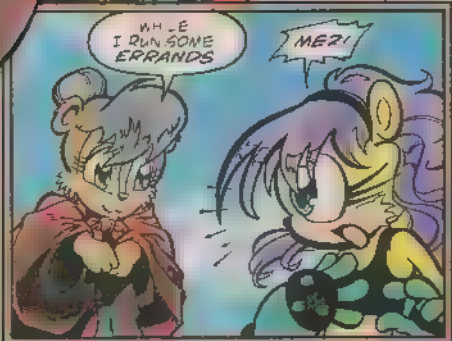
Y YEAH

WELL
HELLO
MY NAME IS
ROSIE



THIS IS RORY
SNAGGLE AND
SASHA.

THEIR PARENTS
WERE TAKEN BY ROBOTNKS
HORDES AND I WAS
HOPING YOU COULD WATCH
OVER THEM



WH- E
I RUN SOME
ERRANDS

ME?!

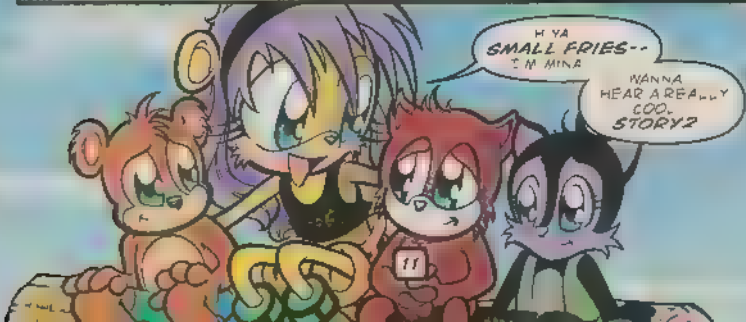


OF COURSE! THEY'RE
IN DESPERATE NEED OF
SOMEONE WITH WHOM THEY
CAN RELATE, YOUNG
ONE



I'LL RETURN
SHORTLY

UHH
OKAY



HYA
SMALL FRIES--
I'M HINA

WANNA
HEAR A REALLY
COOL
STORY?

IT WAS A
BRIGHT AND SUNNY
DAY

ANTOINE, NOBODY'S
THRILLED TO HAVE DOCTAH
ROBOTNIK BACK

„BUT SUMTHIN'S BEEN
BOTHERIN YOU RECENTLY
BESIDES THAT LEVEL W TH
ME SUGAH - WHAT'S ON YOUR
MIND?

AH MY
BEAUTIFUL **BUNNIE**
WHERE SHOULD I
BEGIN?

I SUPPOSE MY
PROBLEM BEGAN
WHEN SON C INFORMED
ME I AT MON PERE -
MY FATHER - EEZ ST LL
ALIVE

BUT WE EEZ NOW
ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S
CRUEL SUB-BOSSSES
WHO RULES ZEE KING-
DOM OF MERCIA
W TH AN RON
GLOVE!

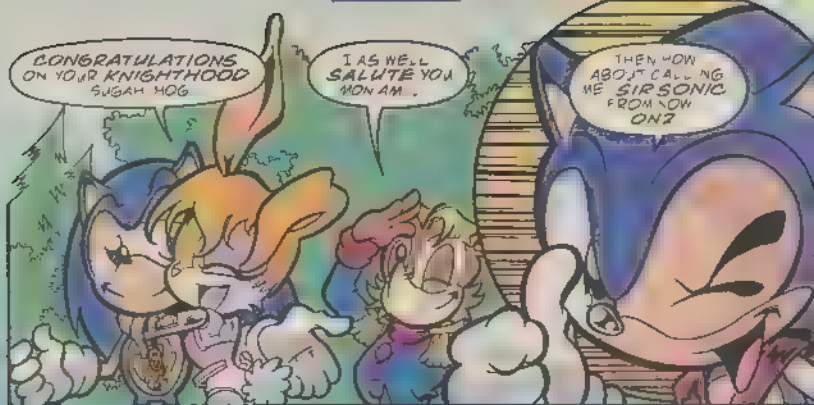
YOUR
DADDY'S NOT
RESPONSIBLE
FOR HIS OWN
ACTIONS
THOUGH

OF IAT FACT
I AM WELL-AWARE
FOR ALTHOUGH MY
FATHER WAS A HIGH-
RANKING GENERAL
N ZEE ROYAL
GUARD

I REMEMBER
HIM AS ZEE KINDEST
SOUL WHO EVER
LIVED.

I WILL NOT REST
UNTIL I HAVE RESTORED
HIM TO -

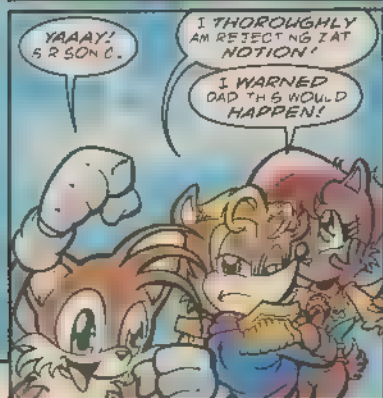
HEY THERE
DUDE AND DUDETTE --
WHAT'S SHAKIN' AND
BAKIN'?



CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR KNIGHTHOOD
SUGAR HOG

I AS WELL
SALUTE YOU
MON AM.

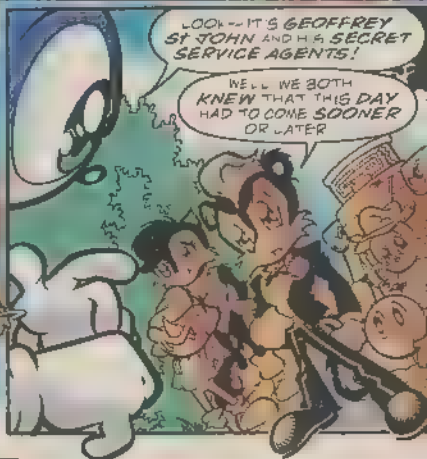
THEN HOW
ABOUT CALLING
ME SIR SONIC
FROM NOW
ON?



YAAAY!
S R SONIC.

I THOROUGHLY
AM REJECTING THAT
NOTION!

I WARNED
DAD THIS WOULD
HAPPEN!



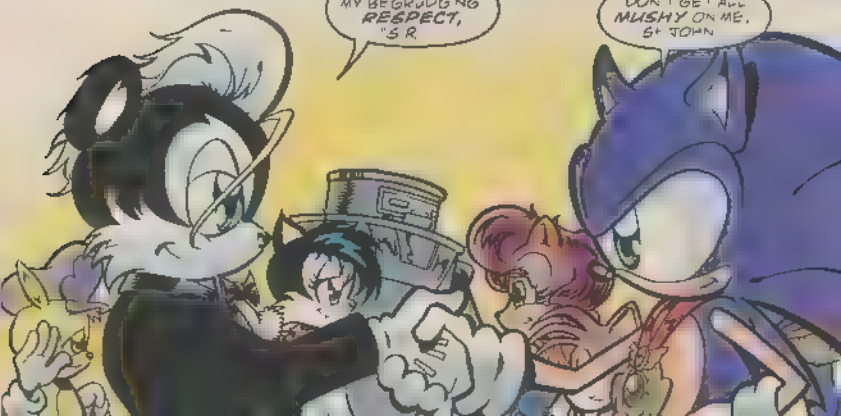
LOOK-- IT'S GEOFFREY
ST JOHN AND HIS SECRET
SERVICE AGENTS!

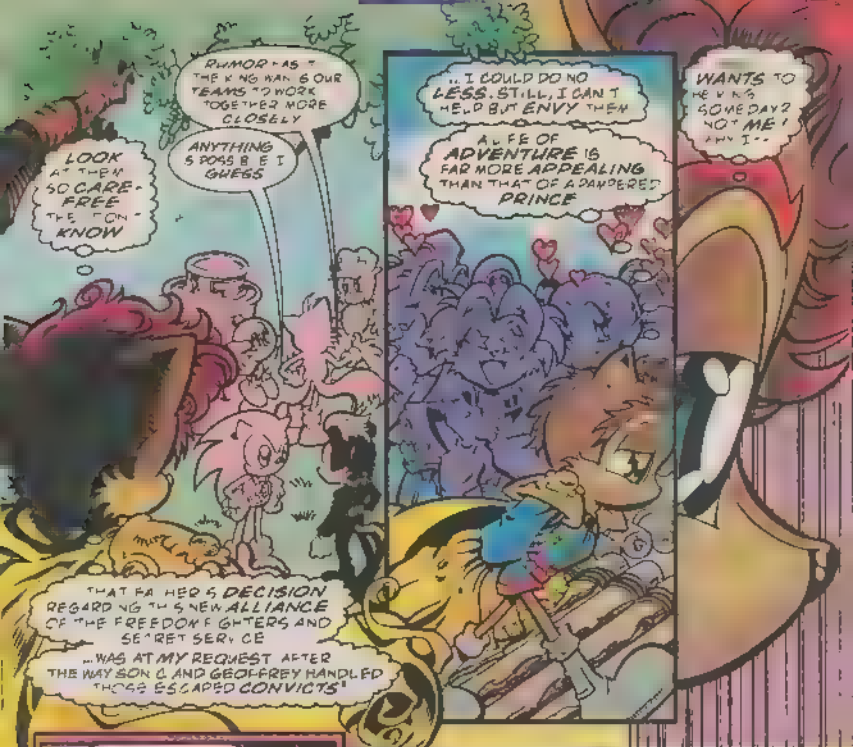
WELL WE BOTH
KNEW THAT THIS DAY
HAD TO COME SOONER
OR LATER

AND ALTHOUGH
I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED
MUCH LATER

YOU HAVE
MY BEGRUDGING
RESPECT,
"S R.

DON'T GET ALL
MUSHY ON ME,
ST JOHN





RUMOR HAS IT
THE KING WANTS OUR
TEAMS TO WORK
TOGETHER MORE
CLOSELY

LOOK
AT THEM
SO CARE-
FREE
THEY DON'T
KNOW

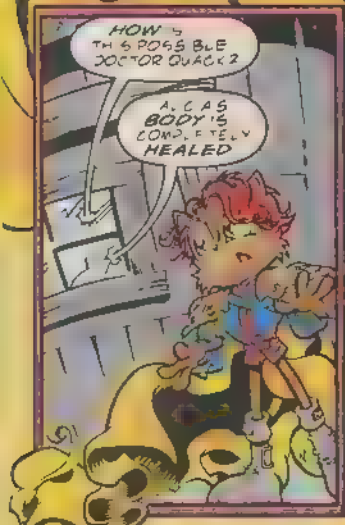
ANYTHING
S POSSIBLE I
GUESS

...I COULD DO NO
LESS. STILL, I CAN'T
HELP BUT ENVY THEM

A LIFE OF
ADVENTURE IS
FAR MORE APPEALING
THAN THAT OF A DAMPED
PRINCE

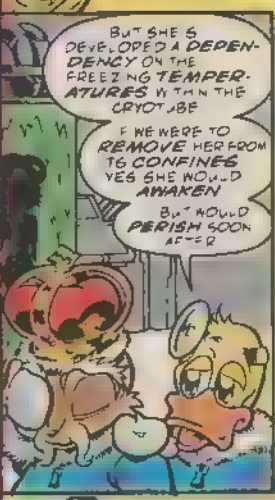
WANTS TO
HEAVEN
SOME DAY?
NOT ME!
ANY I--

THAT FAHER'S DECISION
REGARDING THE NEW ALLIANCE
OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND
SECRET SERVICE
...WAS AT MY REQUEST AFTER
THE WAY SON G. AND GEOFFREY HANDLED
THOSE ESCAPED CONVICTS!



HOW'S
THE POSSIBLE
DOCTOR QUACK?

A CAS
BODY IS
COMPLETELY
HEALED



BUT SHE'S
DEVELOPED A DEPEND-
ENCY ON THE
FREEZING TEMPER-
ATURES WITHIN THE
CRYOTUBE

IF WE WERE TO
REMOVE HER FROM
THE CONFINES
YES SHE WOULD
AWAKEN

BUT WOULD
PERISH SOON
AFTER



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THE EQUIPMENT
ONLY HAS ENOUGH
POWER FOR
ANOTHER
WEEK



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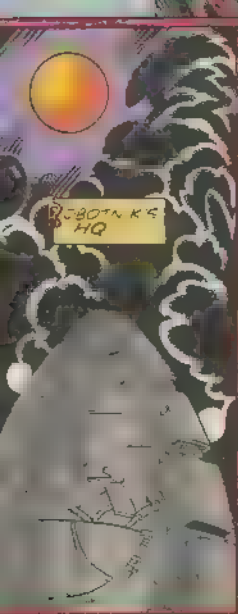
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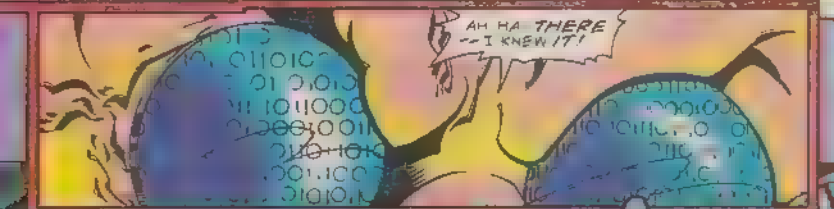


ROBOTNKE
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I MUST FIND
A MEANS TO RD
MYSELF OF SONIC
ONCE AND FOR
ALL!

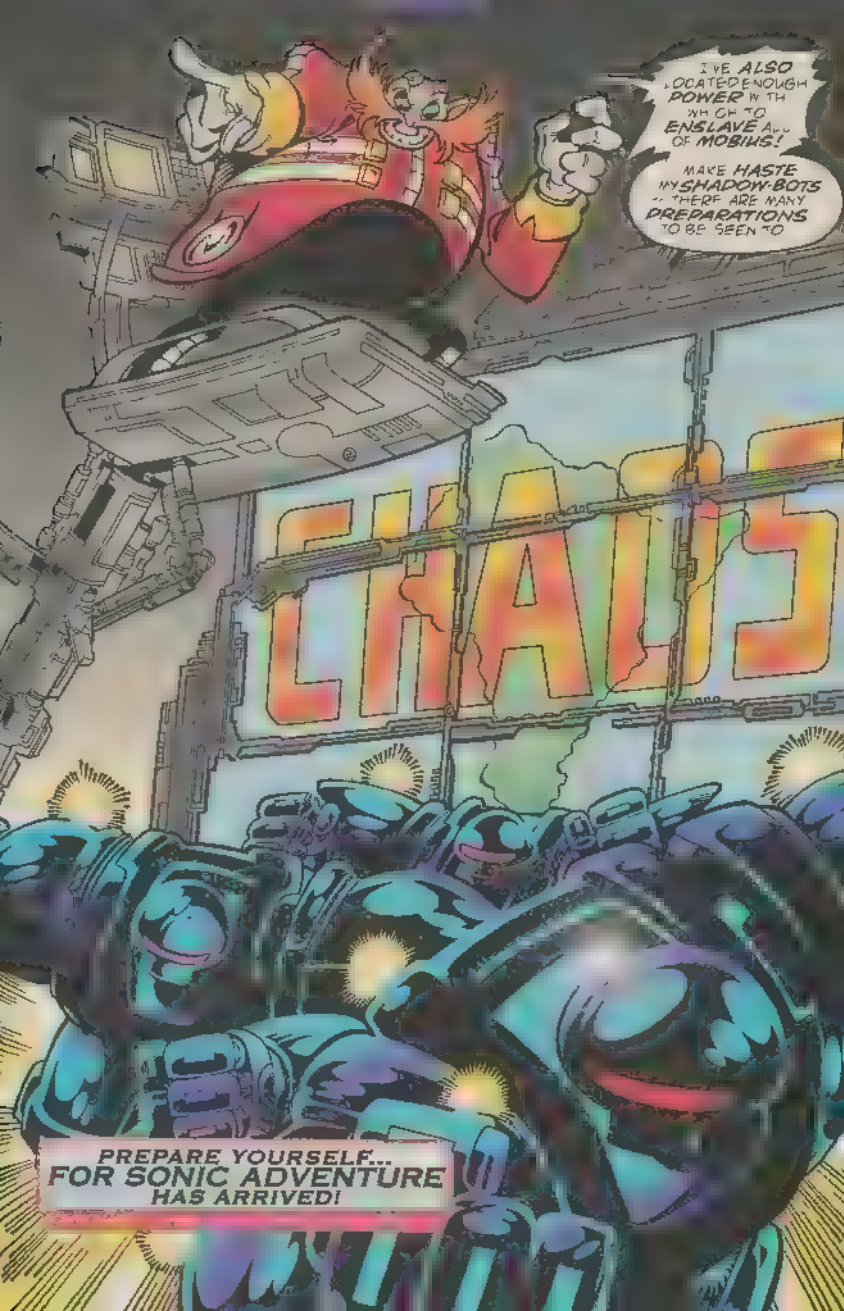
AS FOR
BIOMECHANICAL
INTERFACE Y...
MY MASTER COMPUTERS
HARD-DRIVE A
QUICK SCAN OF ALL
EXISTING FILES
AND -



AH HA THERE
-- I KNEW IT!



NOT ONLY
HAVE I FOUND
WHAT I NEED TO
DESTROY THAT BLUE
BLUFFOON...



I'VE ALSO
LOCATED ENOUGH
POWER WITH
WHICH TO
ENSLAVE ALL
OF MOBIUS!

MAKE HASTE
MY SHADOW-BOTS
-- THERE ARE MANY
PREPARATIONS
TO BE SEEN TO

CHAOS

PREPARE YOURSELF...
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HAS ARRIVED!

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TALES OF THE GREAT WAR

PART 6

UNDEAD

SO NOW THE WAR IS
GOING BADLY MY FATHER
MAKES ROBOTNIK HIS
WARLORD--

--AND JULES
HERE IS PRACTICALLY
ON HIS DEATH
BED!

SO WHAT
HAPPENED
NEXT?

THE DOCTORS HAD
DONE ALL THEY COULD
FOR JULES BUT THE
WOUNDS WERE MUCH
MORE SEVERE FOR
THEM TO OFFER AS
ANY HOPE

THEY HAD HIM
ON LIFE SUPPORT
AND THERE WAS NO
TELLING HOW LONG
THAT WOULD
LAST.

WHAT ABOUT
SONIC?

NOT BY
KEN PENDERB
PENCIL BY
CHRIS ALLAN
INK BY
JIM AMASH
LETTERED BY
JEFF POWELL
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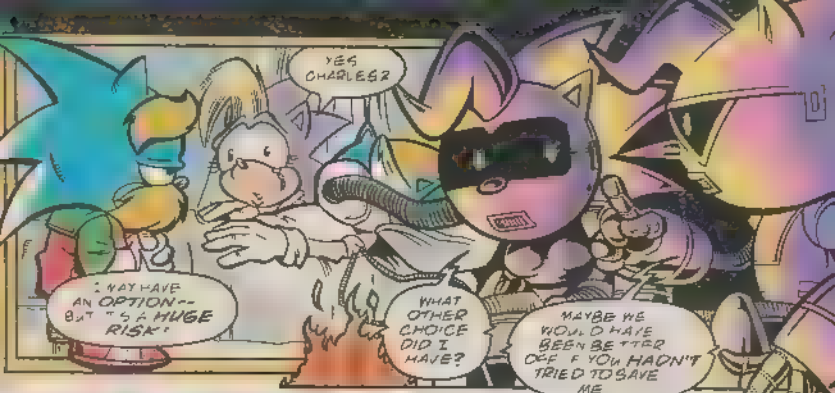
WE KEPT
EVERYTHING
FROM HIM

I FELT HE
WAS TOO YOUNG
TO DEAL WITH THE
POSSIBILITY OF
HIS FATHER
DYING

JULES ISN'T
GOING TO MAKE
IT IS HE
CHARLES?

IT--
DOESN'T
LOOK
PROMISING,
BERNIE!

NOT MUCH--
WE CAN DO--
EXCEPT--

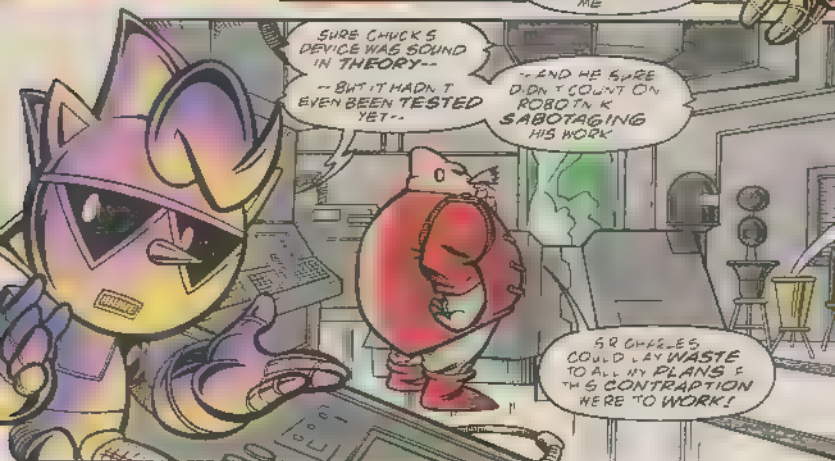


YES
CHARLES?

I MAY HAVE
AN OPTION--
BUT IT'S A HUGE
RISK!

WHAT
OTHER
CHOICE
DID I
HAVE?

MAYBE WE
WOULD HAVE
BEEN BETTER
OFF IF YOU HADN'T
TRIED TO SAVE
ME



SURE CHUCK'S
DEVICE WAS SOUND
IN THEORY--

--BUT IT HADN'T
EVEN BEEN TESTED
YET--

--AND HE SURE
DIDN'T COUNT ON
ROBOTS
SABOTAGING
HIS WORK

SO CHARLES
COULD WASTE
TO ALL MY PLANS &
THIS CONTRAPTION
HERE TO WORK!



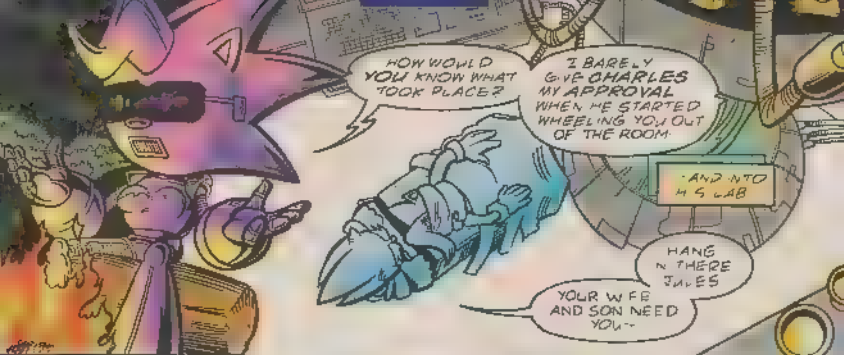
SINCE THAT'S NOT
AN OPTION LET'S SEE IF
MY THEORY WILL HOLD
WATER IF I CROSS THESE
CIRCUITS LIKE SO



THERE
TWO...DON'T BE
LONG BEFORE WE SEE
THE RESULTS OF OUR
GREAT EXPERIMENT!

UNDER NORMAL
CIRCUMSTANCES
HIS PLAN MIGHT
HAVE BEEN
DISCOVERED--

--BUT HE WAS
COUNTING ON DES-
PERATE PEOPLE
RESORTING TO
DESPERATE
MEASURES!



HOW WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TOOK PLACE?

I BARELY GAVE CHARLES MY APPROVAL WHEN HE STARTED WHEELING YOU OUT OF THE ROOM.

AND INTO HIS LAB

HANG IN THERE JULES

YOUR WIFE AND SON NEED YOU--



--AS JO I

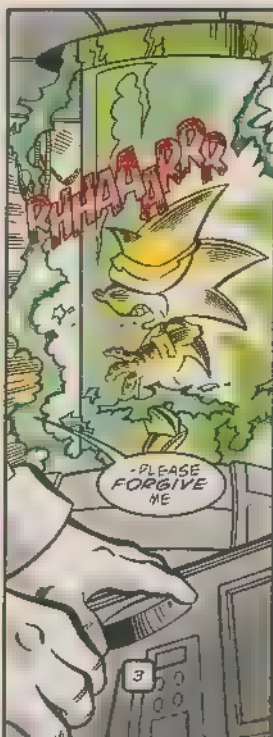
YOU GUYS ARE ALL THE FAMILY I HAVE LEFT EASY THERE



IF ONLY I HAD TIME FOR TESTS BUT IT'S TOO LATE FOR WOULDAS COULDAS SHOULDAS NOW!

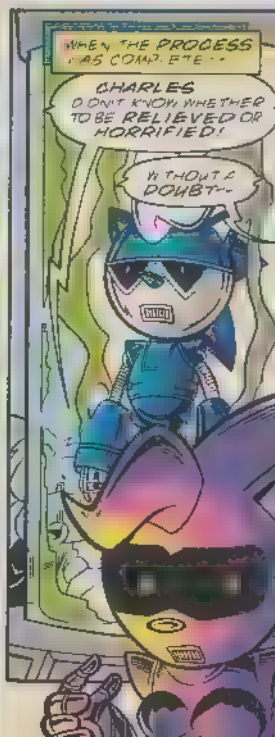
ONCE I PUSH THIS BUTTON THERE'S NO TURNING BACK

IF THIS DOESN'T WORK MY BROTHED--



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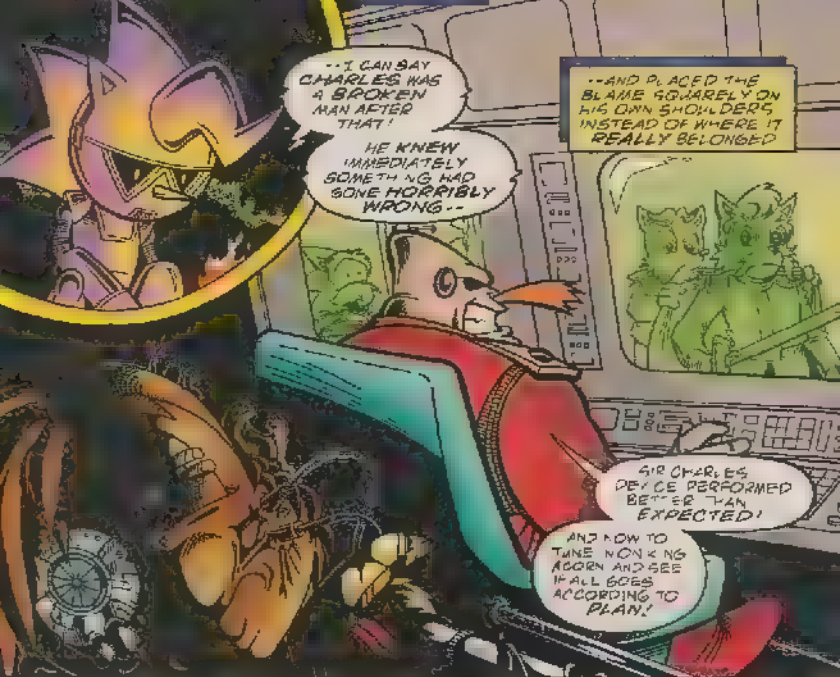
PLEASE FORGIVE ME



WHEN THE PROCESS WAS COMPLETE--

CHARLES DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER TO BE RELIEVED OR HORRIFIED!

WITHOUT A DOUBT--



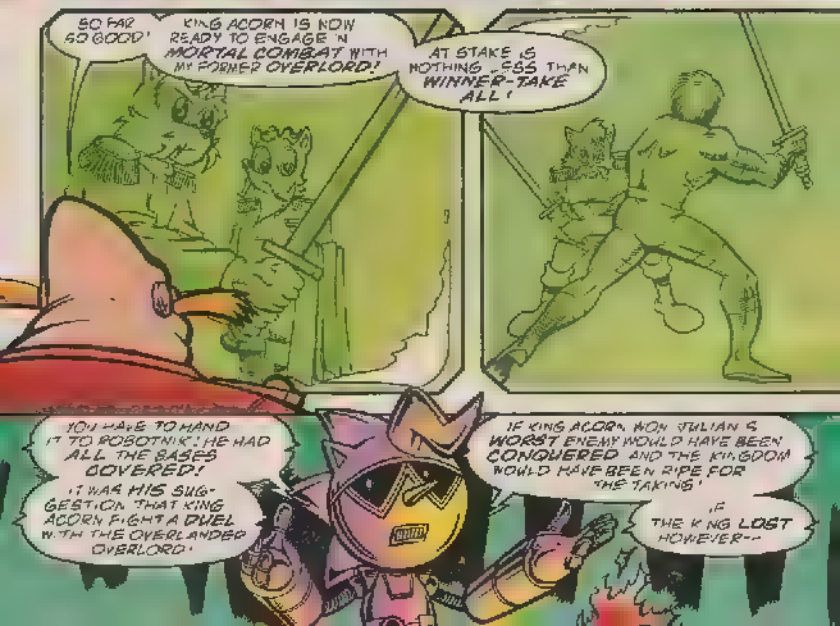
--I CAN SAY
CHARLES WAS
A BROKEN
MAN AFTER
THAT!

HE KNEW
IMMEDIATELY
SOMETHING HAD
GONE HORRIBLY
WRONG--

--AND PLACED THE
BLAME SQUARELY ON
HIS OWN SHOULDERS,
INSTEAD OF WHERE IT
REALLY BELONGED

GIR CHARLES
DEVICE PERFORMED
BETTER THAN
EXPECTED!

AND NOW TO
TUNE NON-KING
ACORN AND SEE
IF ALL GOES
ACCORDING TO
PLAN!



SO FAR
SO GOOD!

KING ACORN IS NOW
READY TO ENGAGE IN
MORTAL COMBAT WITH
MY FORMER OVERLORD!

AT STAKE IS
NOTHING LESS THAN
WINNER-TAKE
ALL!

YOU HAVE TO HAND
IT TO ROBOTNIK! HE HAD
ALL THE BASES
COVERED!

IT WAS HIS SUG-
GESTION THAT KING
ACORN FIGHT A DUEL
WITH THE OVERLORD
OVERLORD!

IF KING ACORN WON JULIAN'S
WORST ENEMY WOULD HAVE BEEN
CONQUERED AND THE KINGDOM
WOULD HAVE BEEN RIFE FOR
THE TAKING!

IF
THE KING LOST
HOWEVER--

JUL AN WAS PREPARED TO SEIZE THE THRONE AND LEAD THE KINGDOM INTO NEVERENDING WAR

"THE FIRST SCENARIO SEEMED LIKELY, ESPECIALLY SINCE HE KNEW HOW TREACHEROUS HIS PEOPLE COULD BE.."

AS FOR THE KING'S SECOND AMADEUS D.D.N.T. TRUST OVERLANDERS ANY FARTHER THAN HE COULD THROW THEM

GO AHEAD, PUNK MAKE MY DAY

"IN THE END THE BETTER SWORDSMAN DID PREVAIL.."

".. AND TEMPERED HIS JUDGMENT TRUE TO HIS NATURE

NO, I WON'T SLAY YOU AS YOU DESERVE..

"BUT I DO EXPECT YOU TO HONOR YOUR WORD"

"FOR JUL AN THE OUTCOME WAS A DISASTER"

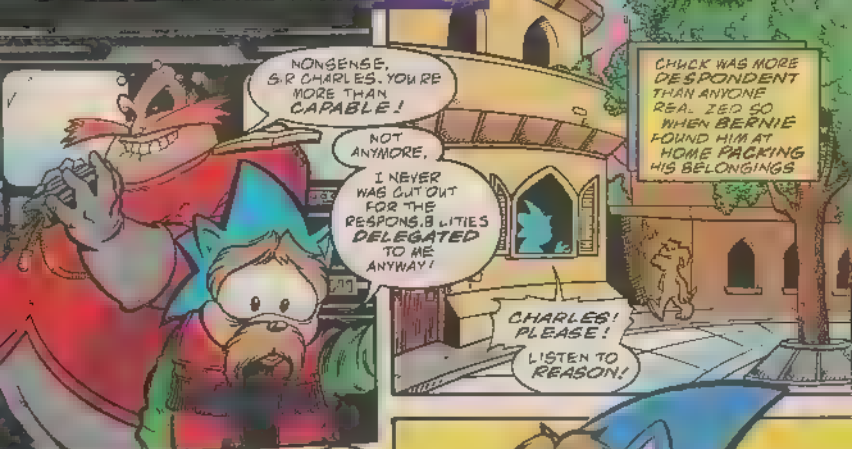
NEITHER OF MY ENEMIES WAS VANQUISHED!

JUST GOES TO SHOW, IF YOU WANT A JOB DONE RIGHT YOU HAVE TO DO IT YOURSELF!

A MINUTE OF YOUR TIME JUL AN IF I MAY

I KNOW YOU'RE QUITE THE SCIENTIST AND I HOPING YOU'LL HAVE BETTER LUCK GETTING THINGS TO WORK THAN I DID

eh?



NONSENSE, S.R CHARLES. YOU'RE MORE THAN CAPABLE!

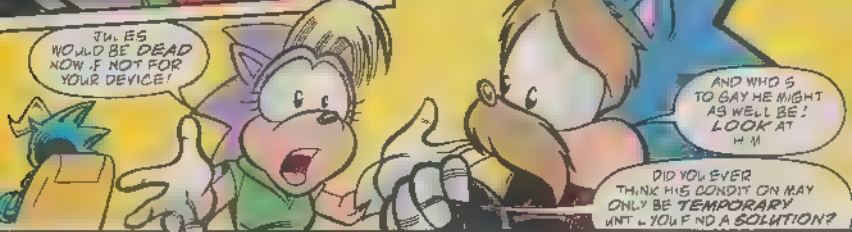
NOT ANYMORE.

I NEVER WAS CUT OUT FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES DELEGATED TO ME ANYWAY!

CHUCK WAS MORE DESPONDENT THAN ANYONE REALIZED SO WHEN BERNIE FOUND HIM AT HOME PACKING HIS BELONGINGS

CHARLES! PLEASE!

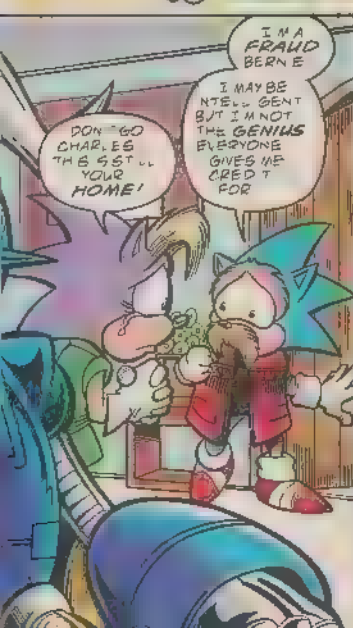
LISTEN TO REASON!



JULES WOULD BE DEAD NOW IF NOT FOR YOUR DEVICE!

AND WHO'S TO SAY HE MIGHT AS WELL BE! LOOK AT HIM

DID YOU EVER THINK HIS CONDITION MAY ONLY BE TEMPORARY UNTIL YOU FIND A SOLUTION?



I'M A FRAUD BERNIE

I MAY BE INTELLIGENT BUT I'M NOT THE GENIUS EVERYONE GIVES ME CREDIT FOR

DON'T GO CHARLES THIS IS STILL YOUR HOME!

"TOO ASHAMED TO STAY CHARLES WALKED OUT LEAVING MY BELOVED TO PONDER WHAT SHE WOULD DO NOW--"

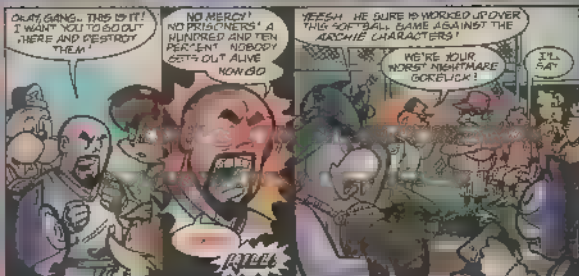
"--AND HOW SHE WOULD EXPLAIN IT ALL TO OUR SON"



NEXT ISSUE

JUST WHEN YOU THINK EVERYTHING'S CALLED OFF GET ANYMORE DRUEL YOU HAVE BET TO EXPERIENCE

LIFE UNDERGROUND



OFF PANEL

by Gallagher, Manak & Amash

THIS JUST IN!

The upcoming "SONIC ADVENTURE" storyline starts next issue! Throughout the course of the story, you will be introduced to many of the elements shown in the game. Such places as The Mystic Ruins and Station Square. You will also be introduced to some new characters like Big The Cat and E-102 Gamma. They'll join Sonic, Tails, Knuckles, Amy Rose and the rest of The Freedom Fighters against the evil of Dr. Robotnik. Together, they try to stop him from unleashing the power of Chaos!

At press time, SEGA's Dreamcast is selling like hotcakes. In most stores, Sonic Adventure is already sold out. If you can find it, get it because it's so much fun.

Back to the comics first, please note that the e-mail address will now be: soniccolumn@archiecomics.com. Second, as mentioned on page 6 of the first story, the Sonic comics have decided to change the footnote rule for your reading pleasure. Rather than have an asterisk direct you to a footnote reference at the bottom of the panel, footnote numbers will show up. These numbers will correspond to footnote references to be found in the letters page. This will free up the visuals from extra captions. It will also allow the story to flow better since you're not forced to read the footnote at every turn. Instead, you can wait to find out afterwards if you're interested. I'd like to hear your thoughts on how well you like this approach, as well as some other things like the book's new look, etc. That's it for this month, so until then...

Catch you on the flip side!

F. GABRE

Note: Due to the overwhelming amount of e-mail and snail mail, it is impossible for us to reply personally to each and every message. However, your opinions are important to us and each message will be read. Also, due to space limitations, some correspondence may be edited. Thanks for understanding!

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- 1) Citizens of Mobius.
- 2) See SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #75.
- 3) In SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #76.
- 4) See SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #69, (Page 10, last panel).
5. In SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #70

Re: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #74

Your comments on this issue have been fast and furious. Here are some of the things you've been saying:

Dear Sonic-Grans,

I just read SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #74 and I was fantastique! I wonder who was in that Robotnik costume? Can't wait until the issue #75. By the way, please say hi to Sally and Elias for me.

Rebecca Amos
Birdson, NB
CANADA

Consider it done.

Dear Sonic-Grans,

I love your comics but they're getting a tad short. A few years ago, they seemed so much longer! I also love "Off Panel!" and how you guys sneaked in the Dreamcast symbol on the cover of SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #9 (not to mention

the system and the controller Rotor was playing with! The Sonic art from the SONIC ADVENTURE game in the Sonic Clocktower ad is awesome.

Mark Schmidt
CANADA

It seems shorter because there are two stories in every issue and all the fan art and letters pages are in the back instead of spread throughout the entire issue.

Dear Sonic-Grans,

I just got done reading SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #74, and I think one word sums it up: WOW! You guys really know how to keep somebody on the edge of their seat! I think the guy masquerading as Robotnik is his robotic twin Robo-Robotnik. He's the only person I could think of who would be just as evil as well... himself! Anyway, I'm looking forward to next month's "75th Issue Extravaganza" to hit the stands! Keep up the good work. Catch you on the flip side!

Brennan Dood
Fort Wayne, IN

Thanks, Brennan. As you know by now, you were right about the Robo-Robotnik connection. Glad to see you figured it out.

Hey, Sonic!

see you're back n business! Good. For a while, I thought perhaps your life was getting boring (like mine... uh... then again. By the way Sally can marry Antoine. Can't her dad see she likes you, and Antoine likes Bunnie? HELLO!! Am I the only sane person around here? (Guess so!) Ahem. excuse me for a moment. "Kay. I'm somewhat better now. have some questions. 1) How old is Elias. 2. Does he have a girlfriend? With the last bunch of issues ending in cliffhangers, are you going to continue to taunt me endlessly!?! The comics seem to take so long to come out sometimes... ahh -- what can't be helped, can't be bought soon enough. Gotta go!

Brandy Xa. VanAusdelt (age 16)
Vellville AR

As you can see, the King is starting to see Sonic in a whole new light. On to your questions: Elias is two years older than Sally and no, he doesn't have a girlfriend.

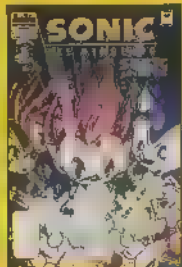
We appreciate your comments on SONIC #74. See you in thirty as we review SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #75. And remember...

KEEP ON JUICIN'!

Cover by Patrick Spaziantz and Harvey Mercadoocasio. Colors and separations by Josh D. Ray.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

In four weeks, in the conclusion of the three-part story called "King Of The Hill," Knuckles and his childhood bully, Monk, have to work together as they become Hunter's new prey! Be vewy, vewy quiet... he's hunting echidna Hehehehehehehe! This issue is brought to you by Ken Penders and Harvey Mercadoocasio. Also, Part Three of the Espio The Chameleon solo story by Penders with art by Colleen Doran and Andrew Pepoy.



Next Month: THIS IS WHERE IT ALL BEGINS, THE OFFICIAL GAME ADAPTATION OF THE NEW SEGA DREAMCAST'S "SONIC ADVENTURE!" In the first story, Sonic and the Freedom Fighters are sent to the mysterious Hidden City of The Ancients! Story & Art by Bollers, Fry & Pepoy. The second story stars Knuckles as he confronts an invasion by Dr Robotnik himself! Story & Art by Penders, Butler and Eklund. Also included, the conclusion to "Tales of the Great War!"

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #32 on sale mid-Nov. 1999! SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #79 on sale late Nov. 1999!

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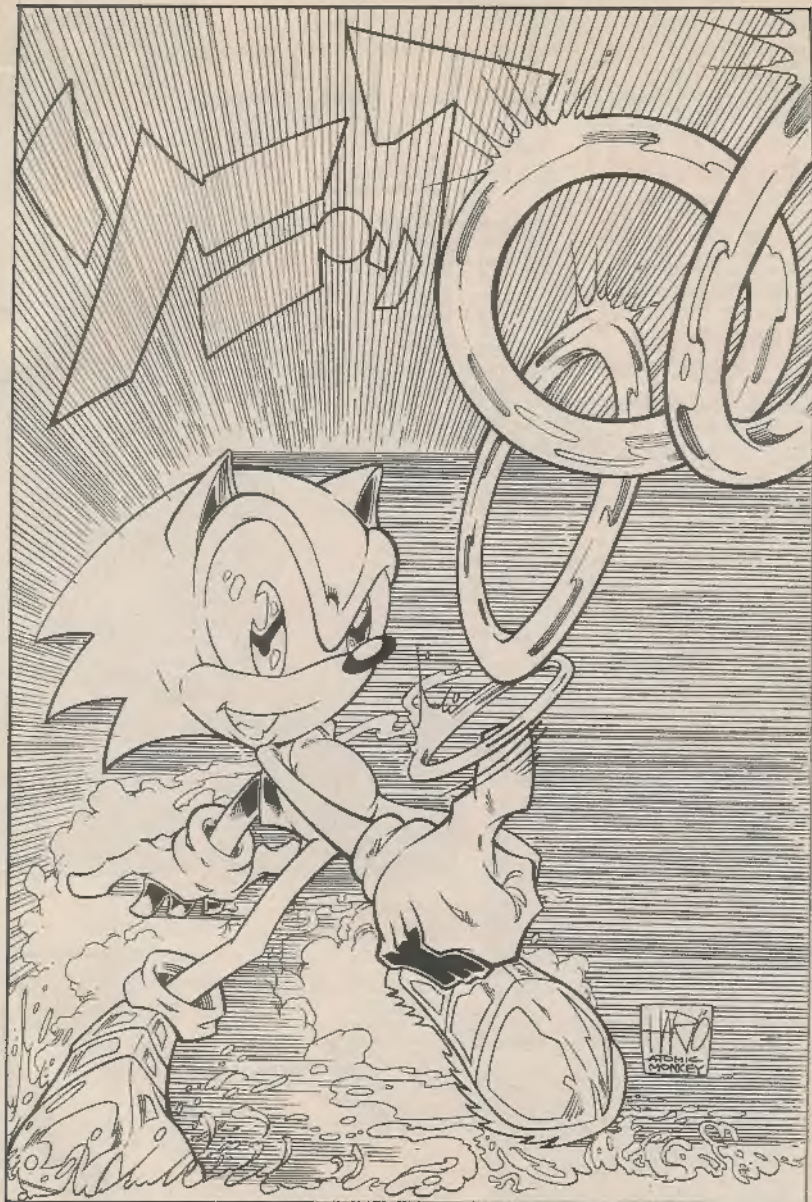
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(age 9) and Bradley Sonke (age 9).

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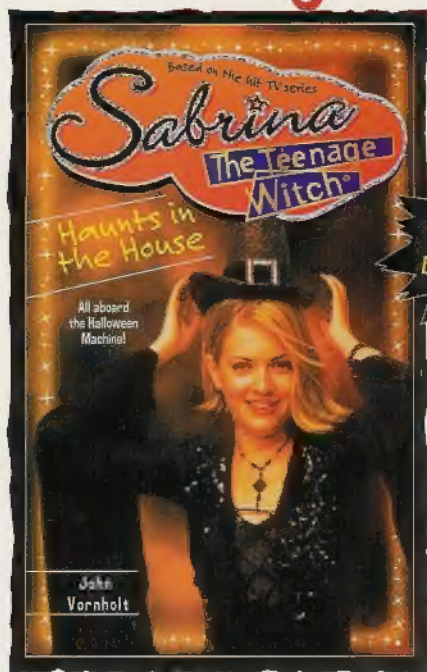
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